

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following on page 1, between lines 4-5,

Field of the Invention.

Please insert the following on page 1, between lines 11-12,

Background of the Invention.

Please insert the following on page 1, between lines 32-33,

Summary of the Invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 36 through page 2, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph.

According to the invention, this object is achieved by means of a nozzle for plasma torches, ~~which nozzle has the features of claim 1,~~ and by means of a manufacturing method for such nozzles, ~~as claimed in patent claim 13.~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, lines 3 through 5.

~~Advantageous embodiments and further developments of the invention  
can be achieved by means of the features designated in the subclaims.~~